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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joseph M. Brand ✓

APPLICATION No.: 09/639,917 ✓

FILED: August 16, 2000 ✓

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REMOVING ENCAPSULATING MATERIAL
FROM A PACKAGED MICROELECTRONIC
DEVICE**

EXAMINER: James Mitchell ✓

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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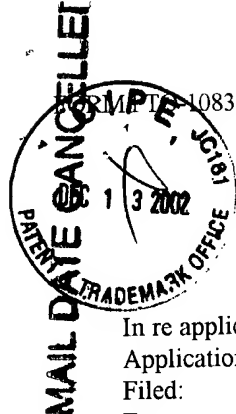
The present communication responds to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, in the above-identified application. In keeping with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this paper includes a clean version of the entire set of pending claims upon entry of this amendment. An appendix is attached showing the marked-up version of the claims amended in the present response. Please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 19, 21 and 23-25. Please amend claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 17, 18, 20 and 22 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for packaging a microelectronic substrate, comprising:

disposing an encapsulating material in direct contact with a surface of the microelectronic substrate; and



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A Petition for an Extension of Time for month is enclosed.
☐ A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.
☒ No additional claim fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown.

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SMALL ENTITY	
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	\$

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☒ A check in the amount of \$180 is attached.
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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Respectfully submitted,
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